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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NONVIOLENCE  
and  
MAHATMA GANDHI DAY  
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Aloha!

I am pleased to extend my warmest greeting to all who will commemorate this day with meditation, music and dance as we pay homage to a man who shared a message of peace and non-violence – a message that resonated with people the world over. The ongoing pandemic continues to prevent us from gathering and enjoying this day in person – but that will not stop event participants from sharing the Mahatma’s words and deeds that taught us that non-violence can be a powerful solution to achieving peace and harmony.

In Hawaii, we can also draw inspiration from the man who developed the Gandhi International Institute for Peace in our island home. It was Dr. Raj Kumar who laid the foundation for the Institute following that day of violence that shook not just this country but around the world – the day that the Twin Towers in New York fell to a terrorist attack, along with horrific incidents at the Pentagon and in a field in Pennsylvania. From that tragedy came this annual event in which we honor the Mahatma, and recognize this day as an international day of non-violence

I join with all of you as this event shares the message of the Mahatma: “Non-violence is an active force of the highest order.”

Be well, be safe, and be at peace.

With Aloha,

*Ed Case*

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